



EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT.

of the Medical Officer of Health for the  
Year 1940.

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To  
The Easingwold Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present herewith my annual report for the year ending  
31st. December, 1940.

The particulars and information required by the Ministry of  
Health are given below:-

Area (in acres).....	74,363.
Registrar-Generals estimate of the Resident population (Mid.1939).....	10,570.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) according to rate books.....	2,618.
Rateable Value.....	£42,773.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£185 - 10 - 10

1. The social conditions of the district are those of a purely  
rural area, the inhabitants of which are engaged chiefly in  
agriculture. No extensive changes have taken place during the  
last two years, and no new industries have been established.

2. Vital Statistics.

For the purpose of calculating both birth and death rates the  
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for Mid.  
1939 has been adopted. This is 10,570.

For the whole of the district there were 139 births registered  
(62 males, 57 females) as compared with 133 in 1939 and 152 in  
1938, the Birth Rate being 13.15 as compared with 12.58 in 1939  
and 14.97 in 1938.

The total deaths registered in the whole district were 212  
(105 males 97 females) as compared with 146 in 1939 and 134  
in 1938, the Death Rate being 20.05 as compared with 13.81 in 1939  
and 13.20 in 1938.



The vital statistics for the year are summarised as follows:-

	Total	M.	F.	Birth Rate. (R.G.)
<u>Births.</u> (Legitimate)	130	80	50	
(illegitimate)	9	2	7	
	<u>139</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>13.15</u>
<u>Still Births.</u>	0	0	0	-
<u>Deaths.</u>	212	105	97	20.05

Deaths of Infants under one year of age - Rate per 1,000 live births.

	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	2	2	-	
Illegitimate.	1	-	1	
	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21.57</u>

The number of women dying in consequence of childbirth, from Sepsis NIL, from other causes NIL.

Deaths from measles (all ages).....NIL.  
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages).....NIL.  
Deaths from diarrhoea (under two years).....NIL.  
Deaths from cancer (all ages)..... 21.

### 3. Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

209 cases of notifiable diseases were reported during the year and details of these are given on a separate table annexed Table "A".

Table "B" annexed gives particulars relating to the new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from that disease.

### 4. Causes of Sickness.

The chief causes were Scarlet Fever 49, and Diphtheria 16 cases, Measles 70 cases and Chicken Pox 41 cases. In all except one or two instances cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria were removed to isolation hospital and all premises were disinfected.



## General Provision of Health Service in the Area.

### 5. Hospitals and other Institutions Available for the district.

There are five midwives practising in the District, but none of these are employed or subsidised by the Local Authority.

There are three Clinics for Child Welfare in the District, but no Treatment Centres.

#### Hospitals.

For Tuberculosis cases the North Riding Sanatorium at Fairfield York and Aysgarth (outside the District) are available.

No Hospitals are provided or subsidised by the Local Authority for Maternity or Child Welfare.

The County Council have made arrangements to give assistance to medical practitioners in the area when called upon to treat cases of Puerperal Pyrexia.

Hospital accommodation and Specialists are provided for these cases when required.

Arrangements have been made with the Middlesborough Borough Council for the reception of Small Pox cases.

For Fever cases arrangements have been made for such as are necessary to be removed to the York Fever Hospital (outside the District). These cases are removed in the Hospital Ambulance.

An ambulance is provided by the Local Authority who remove all accidents.

There is no Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, or illegitimate infants or homeless children in the District.

### 6. Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health)	Edward Buller Hicks.
	Part-time. Salary contribution from
Senior	County Council.
Sanitary Inspector,	} John Edward Blakeway.
Surveyor, Meat Inspector,	
Dairies Order, Factory	
and Workshop Act.	
	Whole Time. Salary Contribution
	from County Council. Holds
	certificate of the Royal Sanitary
	Institute, for inspection of
	nuisances and for inspection of meat
	and other foods.
Additional	Harold Graham.
Sanitary Inspector,	Whole Time. Salary Contribution
	from County Council. Holds
	certificate of the Royal Sanitary
	Institute for inspection of
	nuisances.





## 7. Laboratory Work.

Bacteriological specimens are sent by the Medical Practitioners to the Clinical Research Association, London and the cost of the Examination is borne by the Council.

Enteric, Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever Anti-toxins are supplied free to the Medical Practitioners.

Diphtheria Prophylactic Toxoid is supplied free for immunization.

## 8. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area. Water.

With the exception of four small hamlets the whole of the area is served with public mains, mainly from two gravity fed sources. Several samples have been taken from these sources and all have been found satisfactory.

## 9. Drainage and Sewerage.

Extensions have been carried out at Linton on Ouse to receive the additional sewage from the R A F Station.

## 10. Rivers and Streams.

There is no serious pollution of the rivers and streams. There are minor instances of ditches and small streams which are being polluted in several places.

## 11. Public Cleansing.

- a) The method of collection of dry refuse.  
This is collected by direct labour.
- b) The method of collecting refuse from earth closets.  
By horse and cart. By contract.
- c) The method of disposing of house refuse.  
By tipping.
- d) The method of disposing of refuse from earth closets and privies.  
Ploughed into agricultural land.
- e) The method of cleaning cesspools.  
None.

Several villages have convenient tips for waste.

A separate scheme for the collection of Salvage is in operation which covers the whole of the district.

## 12. Sanitary Inspection of the area.

a) The number and nature of inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector during the year.

### 1) Nature of Inspections.

Housing: Nuisances under the Public Health Act.

Sanitary Survey: Meat: Dairies: Scavenging: Sewerage and Sewage Disposal: New Buildings: Alterations: Drainage: Disinfection: Petrol.

2) Number of Inspections. 821.





- b) The number of notices served.
- i) Statutory..... 2.
  - 2) Informal.....28.
- c) The result of the service of notices.
- i) Statutory complied with..... 4.
  - ii) Informal complied with.....22.

#### Sanitary Administration.

Houses disinfected.....	54.
Schools do .....	2.
Visits to infected premises.....	60.
New drains and drains repaired.....	28.
Obstructions removed from drains.....	11.
Accumulations removed as a result of notices served.....	7.
Slaughterhouse inspections.....	176.
Cowsheds and Dairies inspections.....	75.
Total number of new water closets.....	26.
Maternity outfits disinfected.....	3.

13 Eradication of Bed Bugs. - No houses found to be infested.

#### 14 Housing.

(A) Number of new houses erected during the year:-

- a) Total.....3.
- 1. By Local Authority.....0.
- 2. By other bodies or persons.....3.

No houses have been built by the Local Authority during the year.

#### 15 Milk Supply.

A number of registered cow keepers and purveyors of milk (wholesale and retail) have been inspected with regard to cattle and persons employed, cleansing, lighting, ventilation and drainage. In most cases they were in a clean condition, in others want of limewashing of ceilings and cleansing of furniture were the principle defects.

- i) No cases have been reported or found of any cows suffering from tuberculosis or emaciation due to tuberculosis udder.
- ii) The cow sheds as a whole are kept in a fairly good condition.
- iii) Number of Licences granted for the sale of milk under special designations order 1936.....NIL.
- iv) Refusal of revocation of registration or retailers or of licences for graded milk.....NIL.



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16. Meat.

Inspection is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors who have had much practical experience in Public Abattoirs and Private Slaughterhouses. All animals for sale for human consumption are slaughtered in the Government Controlled Slaughterhouse where all meat is inspected.

All shops, stores, and vehicles are systematically examined under the Public Health (Meat) Regulation 1924. 176 visits have been made and what has been found diseased or unsound is condemned and salvaged.

Other Foods.

The several bakehouses and fried fish shops in the District have been systematically visited, relating to the storage and distribution of food. All these have been found satisfactory and no complaints have been received.

17. Factory and Workshops Acts.

The number of inspections made was.....24

There are no underground bakehouses in the District.



TABLE "A".

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1940.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Analysis of Ages.</u>													Total cases Notified.
	Under I Year.	<u>1</u> <u>2</u>	<u>2</u> <u>3</u>	<u>3</u> <u>4</u>	<u>4</u> <u>5</u>	<u>5</u> <u>10</u>	<u>10</u> <u>15</u>	<u>15</u> <u>20</u>	<u>20</u> <u>35</u>	<u>35</u> <u>45</u>	<u>45</u> <u>65</u>	<u>65</u> <u>over</u>		
Diphtheria	0	-	1	-	1	3	4	3	4	-	-	-		16
Scarlet Fever.	-	1	1	1	2	19	9	8	4	4	-	-		49
Pnuemonia.	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	1	7	3		18
Erysipilas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	6	3		15
Chicken pox.	-	2	1	1	1	20	12	2	1	-	1	-		41
Measles.	-	1	4	4	5	37	16	1	1	1	-	-		70
Total	-	5	7	6	10	79	45	15	15	7	14	6		209
Pulmonary } M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-		3
Tuberculosis } F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		1
Pulmonary Total.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-		4
Non-Pulmonary } M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		1
Tuberculosis } F.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		2
Non-Pulmonary Total.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-		3
Grand Total.	-	6	7	6	10	79	47	17	16	8	14	6		216

Notifiable Diseases During the year 1940.

<u>No. of Cases.</u>	<u>Analysis of Deaths.</u>												
	Under												Total Deaths.
	1 Year	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15	15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	Over 65	
16 Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49 Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	7
15 Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>41 Chicken Pox.</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>139 Total</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	7
Pulmonary } M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis } F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Total.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	nil.
Non-Pulmonary } M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL.
Tuberculosis } F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL.
Grand Total.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	7



TABLE "B".

Easingwold Rural District Council.

Tuberculosis during the year 1940.

Age Periods.	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Totals.</u>	3	1	1	2	-	-	-	-

